

LANDMARKS OF TRUTH;
 OR, HARMONY OF
THE BIBLE,
 WITH
 REASON AND SCIENCE.
 FORMING A
 DEFENSIVE MANUAL OF THE BIBLE,
 TOGETHER WITH A HISTORY OF THE
 RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS OF THE WORLD,
 THEIR CREEDS, DOCTRINES, CEREMONIES, ETC.,
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THE object of this work is to present, within a reasonable compass, a complete armor of defence against the assaults of modern skepticism and criticism in all their phases, and to give a clear and concise view of all the religious denominations of the world. From the time of the pagan Celsus to the present, objections, frivolous and absurd, plausible and insinuating, modified through every degree of cunning, adapted to every shade of capacity, and promulgated from every motive of the human heart, have been put forth to undermine the foundations of Christianity. Replies to many of them are scattered through hundreds of volumes, doing immense good; but there is a demand for a single work which will embrace within itself concise and satisfactory answers to every objection which has been urged.

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Pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

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President of Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis.

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